

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0872

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAID, ELTN, LA, CH  
SUBJECT: CHINESE ROAD BUILDING IN NORTHERN LAOS

REF: VIENTIANE 866

1. THE WESTERN SOURCE WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A TRIP UP THE NAM OU RIVER (REFTEL) TOLD US THAT HE HAD SEEN PORTIONS OF THE CHINESE-BUILT ROAD NET IN NORTHERN LAOS. HE SAID THAT THE ROADS HE SAW WERE TWO LANES WIDE WITH EXCELLENT PAVED SURFACES.

2. OUR SOURCE SAID THE CHINESE WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN BUILDING THE FINAL SEGMENT OF THE NET, THE LINK BETWEEN NAM BAC AND LUANG PRABANG. HE SAID THAT THE ROUTE WHICH HAD BEEN SELECTED WOULD REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER BRIDGE OVER THE NAM KHAN TO BRING THE ROAD INTO LUANG PRABANG. THE SITE OF THIS BRIDGE WOULD BE

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UPSTREAM FROM LUANG PRABANG AND UPSTREAM OF THE EXISTING BAILEY BRIDGE BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE AIRPORT.  
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